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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, in the above matter, the period for response having been extended up to February 22, 2003, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. The following comments are offered.